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U.S. Congressman John Barrow (GA-12) today announced that he would vote against the full repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordability Care Act (PPACA). After voting against the bill in the House Energy and Commerce Committee and twice on the House floor, Congressman Barrow has led the effort to change the law to remove burdensome regulations and mandates on businesses, while fighting to lower insurance costs on Georgia's families.

"When it comes to the health care law, Democrats and Republicans have it all wrong," said Congressman Barrow. "I stood up to both parties and voted against a bill that costs too much and does nothing to lower health care costs. I voted against repeal, and will do it again, because we need to end things like insurance companies denying coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions, denying preventive care like mammograms, and making women pay more for coverage. Only in Washington is all or nothing an acceptable solution. In Georgia, we have more common sense than that. This vote isn't about helping families, it's about scoring political points -- and the folks in the 12th District expect more from us."

Since it was signed into law, Congressman Barrow has worked tirelessly to repeal the mandates, taxes, and burdensome regulations contained in the PPACA. In 2010, he was successful in his efforts to repeal the overly burdensome 1099 reporting requirement. In 2011, Congressman Barrow was the lead co-sponsor of legislation to repeal the employer mandate in the health care law. And in March 2011, Congressman Barrow [introduced bipartisan legislation](#) that would preserve consumer access to licensed insurance agents and brokers by excluding their commissions from the so-called Medical Loss Ratio, which has caused insurers to dramatically cut the commissions to agents and brokers that they depend on in order to serve their customers.

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